

OFFICIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A special session of the City Council of the City of Menomonie, Dunn County, Wisconsin, was held in open session on November 7, 2011, and called to order by Mayor Knaack at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The following members were present: Smith, White, Hausler, Dickmann, Riedel, Schwebs, Solberg, Cruz, Beety and Mercil. Halloran was absent at roll call but arrived later.

Chuck Backus, representing the Dunn County Historical Society, announced that he was available for questions regarding his subsidy request.

The City Council and Administration reviewed the proposed 2012 General Operating Budget. Department heads were in attendance and available to answer questions regarding their department budget.

Council member Halloran arrived at 5:55 p.m.

MOTION to adjourn was made at 6:55 p.m. by Cruz, seconded by Dickmann, and carried.

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Menomonie, Dunn County, Wisconsin, was held in open session on November 7, 2011, and called to order by Mayor Knaack at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The following members were present: Smith, White, Hausler, Dickmann, Riedel, Schwebs, Halloran, Solberg, Cruz, Beety and Mercil.

MOTION was made by White, seconded by Dickmann, and carried to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2011 special meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING – Mayor Knaack announced time for the public hearing relating to the removal of diseased Dutch Elm and Oak Wilt trees at various locations throughout the city. No one appeared and the hearing was declared closed.

MOTION was made by Smith, seconded by Cruz, and carried to order the removal of diseased Dutch Elm and Oak Wilt trees at various locations throughout the city.

MOTION was made by Smith, seconded by Solberg, and carried to waive the rules to hear from Sean Lentz of Ehlers and Associates. Mr. Lentz gave an overview of the bids that were received earlier in the day for the \$2,210,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2011B; spoke about the city's bond rating that has been established by Moody's Investors Service; and recommended acceptance of the bid from Bankers' Bank in Madison, Wisconsin.

RESOLUTION NO. 18 providing for the issuance, sale and delivery of \$2,210,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2011B, of the City of Menomonie, Wisconsin; establishing the terms and conditions therefor; directing their execution and delivery; creating a debt service account therefor; and awarding the sale thereof was introduced and moved for adoption by White, seconded by Halloran, and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

BUDGET – The Administration and City Council members continued their review of the proposed 2012 General Fund Operating Budget.

MOTION was made by Beety, seconded by Cruz, and carried with Riedel and Schwebs opposed to transfer \$2,000 from Plan Commission 01.56320.304 Historic Preservation Commission to Business Improvement District 01.56460.311 Main Street Subsidy.

MOTION to call a special city council meeting for November 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. to continue the review of the proposed 2012 General Fund Operating Budget was made by Mercil, seconded by Dickmann, and lost on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Dickmann and Mercil. Noes: Smith, White, Hausler, Riedel, Schwebs, Halloran, Solberg, Cruz and Beety.

MOTION to make the following changes to the proposed 2012 budget was made by Solberg, seconded by Dickmann, and lost on roll call vote with the only affirmative vote being cast by Solberg:

- remove the proposed \$1,940 subsidy from Red Cedar Special Olympics 01.51720.321;
- remove the proposed \$4,000 subsidy from Dunn County Historical Society 01.51720.322;

Apply those funds to the following accounts:

- \$1,748 to Dunn County Humane Society 01.53430.316 (for a proposed subsidy of \$16,748);
- \$4,192 to Stepping Stones of Dunn County 01.51720.318 (for a proposed subsidy of \$17,692).

ORDINANCE regarding parking regulations in the downtown area was introduced by Beety. MOTION to waive the first reading was made by Beety, seconded by Halloran, and carried. MOTION to waive the second reading was made by White, seconded by Solberg, and carried. MOTION to adopt the ordinance was made by Beety, seconded by Solberg, and carried.

UPDATE – Information was provided regarding Wisconsin Act 23 – Voter Photo Identification Law and the following pamphlets were distributed:

- How to Obtain a Free Wisconsin State ID for voting purposes; and
- Wisconsin Election Laws: Photo ID and Other Recent Changes.

INFORMATION – Council member Smith provided a chart showing the voting history for alderpersons and mayor since 1991 and suggested the possibility of reducing the number of alderpersons and the concept of at-large representation.

APPOINTMENTS – MOTION was made by Schwebs, seconded by Mercil, and carried to approve the Mayor’s recommendation for the following appointments:

Main Street of Menomonie Board – 3 year term (term begins January 2012)

- Rick Suydam
- Amy Reise
- Jake Kuester
- Karen Hurtgen
- Lauren Evans

Dunn County Transit – 1 year term

- Ed Smith (Council Rep.)

COMMUNICATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – The agenda packet included a report from a recent alcohol compliance check; notice of receipt of a \$1,000 grant from Wal-Mart; notice of the bid letting date for the Cedar Falls Road project; copies of the Code of Conduct for council members to review and sign; a letter from the GFWC Menomonie Woman’s Club seeking assistance with their downtown hanging flower baskets project and care and maintenance of their tractor and equipment; and the October activity report from the police department.

MOTION was made by Solberg, seconded by Cruz, and carried unanimously on roll call vote to approve payment of the following claims:

<u>Claims</u>	
Cardmember Services	\$ 3,385.24
Cedar Corp.	45,994.98
County Materials	1,201.00
EO Johnson	691.70
Elk Mound Seed Co.	299.50
Emergency Apparatus Maint.	863.49
Fuel Service DJ’s Mart, LLC	24,568.00
Google, Inc.	12.38
Haas Sons	42,508.93
Highway Construction Products	925.00
Keyes Chevrolet	33.32
Mid-State Int’l. Trucks of WI	1,423.74

Mississippi Welders Supply	67.32
Northern Electricians	4,000.00
Pump & Meter Service, Inc.	410.00
RDJ Specialties, Inc.	188.75
Rhom Construction, LLC	6,464.66
Schofield, Higley & Mayer, S. C.	10,052.53
St. Joseph's Hospital	253.60
Steigerwaldt Land Services, Inc.	2,350.00
Stoutonia	42.00
Viking Electric	755.85
Western Petroleum	12,044.43
WI Dept. of Transportation	132,143.25
24-7 Telcom	1,086.35
<u>Parking Utility</u>	
Mike Kraft	204.75
Sherwin Williams	948.40
Universal Truck Equipment	4,939.00

MOTION was made by Schwebs, seconded by Hausler, and carried to approve the following licenses:

OPERATORS: Jacinda C. Bursik; Jay D. Mantei; Jillian M. McCabe; Jian Tao Weng.

TAXI CAB DRIVER: Adam D. Utzinger.

MOTION to convene in closed session under Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) (c), (e), and (g) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body had jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; deliberating or negotiating the purchase/sale of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session; conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved was made by Halloran, seconded by Smith, and carried on roll call vote.

MOTION to return to open session was made by Schwebs, seconded by Cruz, and carried on roll call vote.

No action was taken.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Smith, seconded by Halloran, and carried.

JoAnn L. Kadinger, City Clerk